

#### **DETAILED ACTION**

1. Applicant's amendment, filed 03/18/2008, has been entered.  
Claims 1-6 and 9-10 have been canceled.  
Claims 7-8 and 11-14 are allowed.

#### ***Priority***

2. Applicant's certified translation of foreign priority application, Korean Patent Application 10-2003-0079482, filed 03/18/2008, is acknowledged. The priority application filed on November 11, 2003 appears to have sufficient written support for claims 7-8 and 11-14.

#### **EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT**

3. An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it **MUST** be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.
4. The title has been replaced with the following:  
  
-- NEUTRALIZING ANTIBODY AGAINST HGF --

#### **REASONS FOR ALLOWANCE**

5. The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance:  
Applicant's amendments to the claims filed 03/18/2008 have obviated the previous rejections under 35 U.S.C. 112 first paragraph and 35 U.S.C. 102(b) and have placed this application in condition for allowance. The instant neutralizing antibody appear to be free of the prior art. Accordingly the instant claims are deemed allowable.

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6. Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

7. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to SHARON WEN whose telephone number is (571)270-3064. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday-Thursday, 8:30AM-6:00PM, ALT. Friday, EST.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Eileen O'Hara can be reached on (571)272-0878. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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